to relent For, saith he, his malice is fixed and will not evaporate by any mild courses, for he will ascribe the alteration to her Majesty's pusillanimity and not to Sir Robert's good nature The less he is made the less harm can he do, and if the Queen's favour fail him, he will again decline to a private person Let the Queen hold this Bothwell while she hath him, for he will ever be the canker of her estate and safety Princes are lost by security and preserved by prevention if he have his liberty then we have seen the last of her good days and all ours

i$th August AMBASSADORS FROM BARBARY

There are newly come to London Muly Hamet Xanfe, secretary and principal ambassador from the King of Barbary, and with him in commission two merchants, bearing letters for her Majesty They were met at Dover by Sir Thomas Gerrard, the Knight Marshal, and divers gentlemen, and are now lodged at the house of Alderman Ratcliffe, near to the Royal Exchange They speak by a Spanish interpreter They are tawny Moors, very strangely attired and behavioured

i6th August THE GOWRY CONSPIRACY

News is come from Scotland that the King of Scots had lately like to have been murthered

On 5th August the King having his residence at Falkland and being daily at the buck hunting, rode out to the Park between 6 and 7 of the clock in the morning, the weather wonderful pleasant and seasonable But before he could leap on horseback, all the huntsmen with the hounds attending upon the green, Mr Alexander Ruthven, second brother to the Earl of Gowry, hasted down to meet his Majesty, and after a very low courtesy, drew the King apart Then he begins to discourse unto him

how that he chanced the evening before to be walking abroad
in the fields taking the air solitary alone, when he encountered
a base fellow with a cloak cast about his mouth, of whom he
enquired his name and errand in so solitary a place Whereat
the fellow became so faltered in his speech that he began to
examine him the more closely, and perceiving something to be
hid under his cloak, he cast up the laps of it and so found a great
wide pot all full of coined gold *in* great pieces Upon the sight
whereof he took the fellow back to St Johnstone and, without